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WATCH COMMITTEE DRAFT WATCH REPORT  
of the  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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23 October 1974  
(as of 1030 EDT)

The Committee concludes that there will be no  
military attack on the United States or  
its overseas forces in the near future.

Subjects of immediate concern are discussed  
below.

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I. Middle East

~~A~~ Although the Arabs and the Israelis continue to  
explore political options for a settlement of the Middle  
East problem, military leaders of both sides are pessimistic  
over the chances for a peaceful solution. If negotiations  
bog down in the coming weeks, chances for shooting incidents  
on the Golan Heights will increase sharply. Both the Arabs  
and Israelis are prepared to resume major conflict with  
little or no warning.

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~~A~~ We do not foresee a quick military solution to the  
Iraqi-Kurdish conflict, and hostilities will probably  
gradually subside into a stalemate with the onset of winter.

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II. USSR-Eastern Europe

~~2~~ We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR and other Warsaw Pact nations.

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III. Southeast Asia

~~4~~ In South Vietnam, we expect that the most significant military action will continue in Military Region 1, although the Communist capability to carry out major attacks there will become more limited as seasonal rains increase. With the exception of increasing terrorist attacks in the Saigon area, we expect a general lull in fighting elsewhere.

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